

Farington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Monday 5th December 2022 at 7pm at St Paul's CE Primary, Croston Road, Farington Moss.

Present: - Councillor Michael Green (Chairman); Councillor Shaun Bradbury; Councillor Tony Green; Councillor Phil Lawson; Councillor Mike Otter; Councillor Karen Walton (Vice-chairman); Councillor Chris Wharton-Hardman and Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman

Apologies: - Lisa Burton - Clerk to the Parish Council

In attendance: - 3 members of the Public

The meeting opened at 7pm

99. (22/23)

Apologies for Absence/Chairman's Health and Safety Announcements

Councillor Michael Green welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised the Health & Safety announcements to the meeting.

No apologies received

Resolved

100. (22/23)

Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to indicate at this stage in the proceedings any items on the agenda in which they intend to declare an interest. Members are reminded that if the interest is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (as defined in the Members' Code of Conduct) they must leave the room for the whole of that item. If the interest is not a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, but is such that a member of the public could reasonably regard it as being so significant that it is likely that it would prejudice their judgment of the public interest (as explained in the Code of Conduct) then they may make representations, but then must leave the meeting for the remainder of the item. South Ribble Borough Councillors Michael Green, Karen Walton and Paul Wharton-Hardman declared an interest concerning the Central Lancashire Local Plan which could be discussed under item 105.

Resolved

101. (22/23)

Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes from the meeting held on Monday 7th November 2022 to be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Planning decision 07/2022/FUL, Newgate Lane, Whitestake. The decision has been deferred.

Item 90: Neighbourhood Policing, the idea of creating a petition was discussed, Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman informed the meeting that every resident on Stanifield Lane had been written to and the results would be forwarded to the Road

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safety Partnership at LCC. The Chair Councillor Michael Green requested a copy of the letter.

St Paul's Park, part payment had been made and 10% had been withheld until all the snagging issues had been resolved.

The item on the last page concerning the BTR Field was deferred to the next meeting by unanimous decision .

Resolved

102. (22/23)

Neighbourhood Policing Team Update

The Neighbourhood Policing Team have been invited to attend the Parish Council meeting or to provide a report on issues in the local area.

The Police did not attend the meeting.

There is a new PSCO on Farington East, Roy Aldwin MBE.

There has been antisocial behaviour after the Christmas lights switch on in Leyland and the Police had been involved.

Resolved

103. (22/23)

Adjournment for Public Participation

Representatives from South Ribble Borough Council and other organisations may speak under this item as well as members of the public and local residents.

A member of the public spoke concerning the proposed crossing on Stanifield Lane. There was £10k in the Parish finances to put in a planning application to part pay for the crossing. A feasibility study was required and she asked if the Parish could pay the £7,528 to save the extra costs that SRBC would incur if they paid for the study. She also informed the Parish that SRBC intended to underwrite any extra expenses. The Chair Councillor Michael Green informed the member of public that this issue would be discussed later in the agenda and then a discussion would take place.

Resolved

104. (22/23)

Grants

No applications received

Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman suggested that the parish may receive an application from the Lostock Hall Carnival Committee in the future.

Resolved

105. (22/23)

Planning

The Clerk will give an update on current planning issues, and any current planning applications may be discussed under this item.

07/2022/00886/OUT - Stoney Lane House Stoney Lane Lostock Hall Preston Lancashire PR5 5XQ (Stanifield Lane) – Noted for CIL

07/2022/00544/REM: Councillor Phil Lawson informed the Parish he had received an email from a resident on the Keepmoat Estate off Croston Road concerning the lack

of an EV charging point on her property. Councillors Shaun Bradbury and Karen Walton had also been informed of the email.

Councillor Karen Walton had contacted the Planning Officer at SRBC and the response received was that during construction of some of the houses, the developer had been unable to provide EV charging points to all the properties and as such had requested that not all the houses would have an EV charging point. At the moment there was not a policy requirement for EV chargers to be installed in all properties, but most of the properties in this development did. SRBC could only request that EV chargers are installed but can't demand them but in the new Local Plan will hopefully this will change.

Councillor Phil Lawson commented that this could be a breach of planning conditions and would continue to investigate this issue.

Councillor Karen Walton has arranged a meeting with Caddick Developers and residents who live on Bispham Avenue to discuss issues they had with the development.

Cllr Walton had also received complaints over vehicle horns sounding early in the morning on Centurion Way and the Bennett's Farm site and the Enforcement Officers had been informed.

SRBC have arranged an Extra Ordinary Council meeting for Monday 12th December 2022 to discuss the Central Lancashire Local Plan. The new plan would increase the number of houses required to be built in the Central Lancashire area to 1,334 per annum and South Ribble would increase from 176 to 416 houses per annum.

The Local Plan and potential sites would go out for consultation starting on 19th December 2022, ending on the 24th February 2023 and it is hoped that Farington Parish Council would respond to the consultation if there are proposed sites in the Parish area. The consultation was not just going to take place online but information meetings would be held in the Borough for residents to visit and comment.

Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman suggested that the Parish should setup a Planning working group to discuss future planning issues in the Parish.

Councillor Shaun Bradbury added that members of the public needed to attend public meetings of the Parish to discuss their issues concerning planning and a working group would not allow for this public participation. He suggested an additional Parish Council meeting would be more acceptable if there was an important decision to be made.

The Chair Councillor Michael Green informed the members that SRBC Scrutiny Committee had set up a Task Group to look into the role of the Council and the Developers who wish to build in the Borough.

Councillor Phil Lawson has been taking the views of the residents concerning the proposed Lancashire Cricket Club site in Farington and the building on Green Belt land.

The Chair Councillor Michael Green responded that any Green Belt issues were important and there needed to be a high threshold before any development could take place and it also needed to be the right development.

Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman advised that he has visited the site with Borough Councillor Jacky Alty, with the Director of Planning, and in his opinion, there are not huge obstacles to overcome but it appeared nobody wanted to listen.

Councillor Shaun Bradbury expressed concerns over the infrastructure in the area and parking issues and he hoped that LCC were taking all these issues seriously.

The Chair Councillor Michael Green informed Councillors that when this issue had come to the Planning Committee, the agent had not attended the meeting to speak and discuss the problems with the committee and it appeared they were unresponsive to residents.

Resolved

106. (22/23)

Financial Matters

Councillor Mike Otter had a concern over the replacement of the History Board but this would be discussed under the next item.

The Parish Council is asked to:-

- i) Note the current bank balance in the HSBC Account.
- ii) Note the invoices paid since the last meeting.
- iii) Approve outstanding invoices for payment.

i) Bank Account Balance

The account balance is currently £130,531.41 (online balance available 30th November 2022).

ii) Invoices paid:

Date	Net	Vat	Total	Cashed Date	Description	Supplier	Minute Ref
18.10.2022	£4.39	£0.88	£5.27	30.11.2022	Maintenance Supplies	C & W Berry	22-23 - 110
01.11.2022	£2,135.00	£427.00	£2,562.00	30.11.2022	Height Barrier	Craig Coulton (Leyland Gates and Railings)	22-23 - 111
01.11.2022	£78,592.40	£15,718.48	£94,310.88	30.11.2022	Play Area Refurbishment	Vicki Buckley (Play and Leisure)	22-23 - 112
04.11.2022	£936.00	£0.00	£936.00	30.11.2022	Lengthsman	Pete Heise (Peter Heise)	22-23 - 114
15.11.2022	£1,678.38	£0.00	£1,678.38	30.11.2022	Salary	Lisa Burton (Employee 1)	22-23 - 115
17.11.2022	£384.65	£0.00	£384.65	30.11.2022	Pension	Lancashire County Pension Fund	22-23 - 116
02.11.2022	£145.00	£0.00	£145.00	30.11.2022	Remembrance Wreaths	Michael Turner (Lostock Hall Royal British Legion Branch)	22-23 - 120
02.11.2022	£1,038.12	£207.62	£1,245.74	30.11.2022	SRBC Streetscene Services	Martin Henderson (SRBC Streetscene Services)	22-23 - 121
07.11.2022	£296.36	£12.29	£308.65	30.11.2022	Expenses	Lisa Burton (Employee 1)	22-23 - 065
04.11.2022	£56.00	£0.00	£56.00	30.11.2022	Water	Water Plus	22-23 - 122
30.11.2022	£5.00	£0.00	£5.00	30.11.2022	Bank Charges	HSBC	

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iii) Invoices due:

Date	Net	Vat	Total	Cashed Date	Description	Supplier	Minute Ref
01.11.2022	£8,732.49	£1,746.50	£10,478.99		Play Area Refurbishment - 10% withheld until completion	Vicki Buckley (Play and Leisure)	22-23 - 112
16.11.2022	£314.98	£63.00	£377.98		SRBC General Maintenance	Streetscene Services (South Ribble Borough Council)	22-23 -
23.11.2022	£15.11	£3.02	£18.13		Maintenance Supplies	C & W Berry	22-23 - 123
23.11.2022	£350.00	£0.00	£350.00		Play Area Refurbishment	David Carter (Woodstock Signs)	22-23 - 124
23.11.2022	£16.96	£3.39	£20.35		Maintenance Supplies	C & W Berry	22-23 - 125
15.12.2023	£1,260.49	£0.00	£1,260.49		Salary	Lisa Burton (Employee 1)	22-23 -
17.12.2023	£583.40	£0.00	£583.40		Pension	Lancashire County Pension Fund	22-23 -
02.12.2022	£936.00	£0.00	£936.00		Lengthsman	Pete Heise (Peter Heise)	22-23 - 126
24.12.2022	£200.00	£40.00	£240.00		Maintenance Supplies	Colins and Sons	22-23 - 135
30.12.2022	£936.00	£0.00	£936.00		Lengthsman	Pete Heise (Peter Heise)	22-23 -
15.01.2023	£1,260.49	£0.00	£1,260.49		Salary	Lisa Burton (Employee 1)	22-23 -
17.01.2023	£409.49	£0.00	£409.49		Pension	Lancashire County Pension Fund	22-23 -
27.01.2023	£936.00	£0.00	£936.00		Lengthsman	Pete Heise (Peter Heise)	22-23 -

iv) Other payments/Receipts

Leyland Albion Football Club £50 received 01/12/22

VAT Refund received £1,055.88 on 18/11/2022

CIL Payment from SRBC is expected in the next couple of weeks – the amount due has been advised as £77,999.60

Quote received for the repair/replacement of map for the History Trail - £410.00 + vat) - Councillor Mike Otter

Quote received to add ends to the bus stop on Stanifield Lane (Original Parish Council bus stop) - £2810.00 + vat

Councillor Mike Otter queried the lack of wings on the bus shelter on Stanifield Lane and could members agree for these wings to be fitted for the benefit of residents.

Councillor Mike Otter proposed that the Parish install the wings on the bus stop

Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman seconded the proposal

All members agreed and to use the CIL funds to pay for the wings.

Payment to Play and Leisure – 10% of the invoice withheld until all issues are resolved (£8,732.49) - Councillor Karen Walton & Councillor Shaun Bradbury

Request from SRBC to fund the feasibility study and get accurate costings for the overall scheme for the proposed crossing at Stanifield Lane - £7528.00 - Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman

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Clerk's Report (Including Legthsmans Update)

Parking at St Paul's Play Area - The signs for the parking are due to be installed this week.

St Paul's Playground - The Play Area safety signs have been installed by SRBC
The cairn and plaque are to be agreed and ordered; this will be followed by an Official opening of the area.

Quote received for a stone Cairn of £600-£700, plus delivery and VAT. A plaque would be required plus installation.

Phase 2

A separate detailed costing document is in progress

A consultation regarding the phase 2 works will be completed.

Quotes are being sought for the works to the footpaths

Quotes are being sought for a tree report for the site

BTR Field - Rowland Homes have been approached regarding the dugouts for the second pitch – awaiting a response from Rowland Homes.

Notice Boards - Notice boards installed on Coote lane, Wheelton Lane, Mill Street, and Stanley Road. St Paul's Play Area still to be completed.

The Chairmans Chain of Office - The Clerk will be taking the chain to Atkinsons Jewelers in Leyland after Christmas

Defibs - New Batteries and Pads are on order, but the defibs are now out of circulation as the expiry dates have passed.

Farington Park – Outdoor Gym - Works requested for replacing the pads under the gym equipment on Farington Park. The carpet has an 8 year warranty – awaiting a start date for the works

Completed projects - NA

Other - Comments submitted for planning application 07/2022/00475/FUL

Quote received for replacement map for the History Trail (£410.00 + vat)
Councillor Mike Otter informed members that he had found the History Trail Board in the bushes so he requested that the Parish pay for a new board. The material used must not be metal as signs that have any monetary value were being stolen for scrap.

Councillor Mike Otter proposed the purchase of the new board.

Councillor Michael Green seconded the proposal.

All members agreed and asked the Clerk to investigate if CIL money could be used for this purpose.

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The issue of email addresses for Parish Councillors at a cost of £110 per annum would be discussed at the next meeting.

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Projects for 2022/2023

I. Shop Local Business Scheme

The Chair Councillor Michael Green gave an update on the Shop Local Scheme: 1000 bags were on order and should be delivered in the next few days so that members could deliver them to local businesses.

II. Parish Council Newsletter

The Chair Councillor Michael Green informed members that no articles for the Newsletter had been received by the clerk.

Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman suggested that he speak to the clerk to produce a non-political leaflet and also produce a template for further newsletters in the future, the clerk would be the one person to contact.

Councillor Shaun Bradbury commented that there was a lot of good things happening in the Parish such as the completion of the play area at St Paul's. Councillor Phil Lawson also commented that producing a newsletter could be a big issue and perhaps the Parish should provide a social media rolling programme of updates which may be more beneficial.

Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman responded that social media could be very useful but not all residents had access or used social media.

III. St Paul's Park play area refurbishment

Ongoing with issues still to resolve with Play and Leisure

IV. St Paul's Park (Phase 2) Consultation required.

Councillor Shaun Bradbury spoke to inform the members that a consultation concerning phase 2 of the St Paul's park would be required before any work could begin. There were issues with the drains and the health and safety of the children accessing the park that needed to be resolved and perhaps a public meeting concerning the project and the financial implications for the parish would be a good idea in the new year.

V. Refurb of the Bobbin Seats at Mill Street.

Councillor Shaun Bradbury had been looking into different options for the long-term issues concerning the bobbins on Mill Street. There was nothing similar available at the moment to provide a more durable, weather resistant material to replace the unique bobbins but he was still making enquiries.

VI. Additions to Chairs Chain of Office

VII. Repairs to outdoor gym equipment at Farington Park

A subcontractor has been appointed to renew the groundwork for the outdoor gym equipment.

VIII. Repairs to History Trail Signs on Centurion Way

Repairs to the History Trail board were discussed and approved earlier.

IX. Feasibility survey for the Stanifield Lane zebra crossing

Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman informed the Parish Council that a feasibility study was required to progress the building of a Zebra Crossing on Stanifield lane. There is £10,000 already agreed in the Parish budget to pay towards the construction of the crossing.

Councillor Tony Green asked the question of if the feasibility study failed, the Parish would lose this money.

Councillor Shaun Bradbury commented that he shared Councillor Tony Green's concerns and that it was not the residents of the Parish who should pay £8,000 to pay for a feasibility study and that it should be the responsibility of South Ribble Borough Council to take the risk not the Parish. He continued that some residents had concerns over the needs of a crossing, where it would actually be situated and what sort of crossing it would be. If a feasibility study did not work, the money would be lost and we had a duty to residents as to what and where the consultation would take place and then presented to the Parish Council. The Parish Council would need a special Parish meeting to discuss the layout of Stanifield Lane and if it is suitable for such a crossing. He had no objection to the crossing but perhaps other restrictions could be enforced to reduce speeding in the area.

The Chair Councillor Michael Green responded that there was no specific location for the crossing and it was very difficult to find an appropriate location. There had been no formal consultation but residents who may support a crossing in principle may have real concerns over the siting, type, lights and parking issues from the construction of a crossing near their homes. Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman informed members that it was LCC's responsibility to construct a crossing but they were reluctant to spend the money, South Ribble had now agreed to fund the project and the feasibility study was required to determine what type of crossing, location, re-siting a bus stop, traffic flow etc. South Ribble had come to the Parish to commit to paying £8,000 of the £10,000 available in the budget as this would save the public purse over £1,000 in administration charges.

Councillor Shaun Bradbury commented that feasibility study was really the wrong word, the crossing needed to be assessed along with other measures to control the traffic and vehicle flow. He asked if was there a certainty that SRBC would underwrite all the costs involved?

The Chair Councillor Michael Green responded that he was aware of some discussions but nothing had been written or circulated. He continued that all Parish Councillors wanted a crossing and agreed there was a need but there were a number of legal procedures that needed to be in place before an informed decision could be made such as considering a consultation, objections and a formal discussion would be necessary. We could not guarantee that anything would take place and we cannot accept £8,000 being allocated to this project if it does not take place.

Cllr Bradby stated that the amount of £8,000 was 10% of the Parish Precept needed to fund a feasibility study which may not result in a new crossing. We needed a public document to state that SRBC would provide all the funding for the crossing and the CEO would need to confirm that the full funding for the project is available and budgeted for. We needed to ask for reassurance and clarification over the rest of the funding from SRBC as we also were accountable for the public purse.

The Chair Councillor Michael Green responded that relocating a bus stop and residents' opposition to the project could make it unacceptable and so it may not go ahead.

Councillor Mike Otter commented that could CIL money be used for the project and so not affect the budget?

Councillor Shaun Bradbury responded that the Clerk was not here to provide evidence for the use and amount of CIL money available. We also needed to ensure that we had some impact on the feasibility study and speeding restrictions etc. also needed to be considered.

Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman proposed that subject to receiving written clarification that SRBC would provide the full amount of the funding for the crossing on Stanifield Lane, the Parish Council would pay for the feasibility study and the Clerk would liaise with the Officers at SRBC.

Councillor Mike Otter seconded the proposal.

Councillor Karen Walton proposed an amendment to this that subject to receiving written clarification that SRBC would provide the full amount of the funding for the crossing on Stanifield Lane. Then the payment for the feasibility study will be reconsidered at the next meeting of the Parish Council. Seconded by Councillor Phil Lawson.

A show of hands vote was taken for accepting the amendment:
5 votes for and 3 votes against

Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman proposed that the decision could be brought back to be discussed at an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council in January, to be held at Bashall Grove, as there was not a meeting scheduled in January.

Seconded by Councillor Chris Wharton-Hardman

This was accepted by all members subject to all members being available to attend in January and the Clerk is requested to propose some dates for availability.

There was a substantive vote for the initial proposal

There was a unanimous vote not to accept the first proposal.

Resolved

109. (22/23)

Borough Council and County Council reports – for information only

The Borough and County Council members will give an update on Borough and County Council matters affecting the Parish Council area.

Not discussed

110. (22/23) Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.00 pm on Monday 6th February 2023 at Bashall Grove Community Centre, PR25 4JU

The meeting closed at 9pm

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Local Government Act 1972

That the public be excluded from this meeting during consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that there is likely to be disclosure of exempt information which is described in the paragraphs of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 which is specified against the heading to each item, and in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

Items not discussed

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